



Apprentice Seaman Audrey Roberts is commended by Captain William F. Amsden for having blocked the attempts of two drunken men to crash through the gate, which she was guarding Monday at the Women's Reserve Training School, Hunter College, the Bronx. She knocked one of the men unconscious.

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## WAVE WHO 'BOPPED' INTRUDER IS CITED

Rewarded for Defending Post  
Against Two Men at Naval  
Training School

The Waves are only supposed to release sailors for combat duty, but the other day Apprentice Seaman Audrey Pearl Roberts decided to go on combat duty herself while stationed at the Naval Training School for Women's Reserves in the Bronx.

Yesterday, for her action in "successfully defending her post and efficiently carrying out her orders with disregard for her own personal safety," Seaman Roberts received the first citation of its kind to be given a member of the Waves, in a ceremony at the school.

It all happened when Seaman Roberts, as a member of the Shore Patrol, was posted at a gate of the school. She had orders not to permit any one to enter the grounds without proper credentials.

While she guarded the gate, armed with a club, two men, who apparently had a few drinks too many, staggered up, shoved her aside and entered the gate. One was a little distance behind the other. "I bopped him," Seaman Roberts explained. Then she started after the other man.

But bluejackets at another gate, hearing the disturbance, appeared and tossed the two men out.

"He was knocked flat," said one sailor, referring to the man who was "bopped."

Seaman Roberts is married. Her husband is in the Army. Before joining the Waves three weeks ago she worked as an aviation machinist at the naval air station, Jacksonville, Fla. Her home is in Miami.